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How to Change the Future? Practice a little Understanding

***By Kate Stavick,* Student Services**

Walking through our campus hallways, you cannot help but notice the kaleidoscope of students from all different backgrounds, cultures and perspectives. It truly represents the world we all live in. It is something that the University of Alaska Anchorage strives to recognize in the student body. Each year, the UAA's Diversity Action Council awards the Student Diversity Award Scholarship to students who are leading and empowering diversity and change within our community by working to increase visibility of diverse people, cultures and/or perspectives; creating a welcoming environment; and represent the milieu of student voices through their advocacy and participation in UAA student organizations. The council picks the top applicants from across the university to receive a tuition grant up to $1,000. This year,

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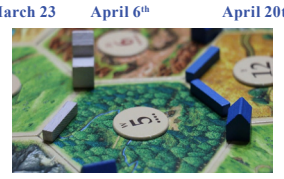

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Special activities: D&D and more!

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Monday morning coffee can be found in the Atrium from 9-12am.
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Check out the college art gallery!

Did you know the campus has its own art gallery (FSM 200)? Please see our students' successes! The gallery displays completed or near-completed student work, plus the occassional guest artist's work.

Landlords in the US need to be taken down a peg

By Rowan Glass

I went to high school in the Mat-Su Valley, and one thing that I will remember for a long time is the three most important soft skills for a businessperson to have: teamwork, problem solving skills, and communication. There are many times where someone may be lacking in one of these skills, but that is forgivable. No one's perfect. But I refuse to believe that there are people out there that are so abysmal in all three, that how they were able to have a business degree from an established university confuses me to no end. And this seems to be a common theme with landlords, both in the lower 48 and up here.

In almost every experience with landlords (almost), I've been tricked, lied to, treated as if I am below human if there was the slightest hint that rent will not be ready on the 1st of the month, and this year I have been retaliated against.

The interaction I will be discussing in this article is about my family's fourth rental in Alaska. My first rental situation with my name on the lease. Everything written here is true. I will be rewriting my name as well as the third-party's. If this goes to court, I don't want to create a conflict of interest. After the court case, I'll be sure to reveal myself. And if you sound like a specific character in this tale, be sure to give me a call. You have my cell phone number and email, let's work this out.

I live in a family of three with two dogs and four birds. My mother is currently on disability and SSI. This allows us to have a stable income. We left our past rental due to poor communication between us and our landlord, but we were able to find a place in the western part of the valley. Also, my commute to the college would be shortened by 15 minutes each way, which is a massive help. I gave the owner

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Hearts for Hannah

***By Korry Dunham,* Student Services**

Chocolate covered strawberries abound. February 13th was a very busy day for the friends and family of Hannah Loftus. We washed, dipped, drizzled and boxed over 300 plump red strawberries. These delicious mouth-watering nectars of nature were carefully turned into beautiful St. Valentine gifts. The creative team of newcomers to the dipping process became masters of confection and rulers of decorations. The final gift boxes were tied up with pretty red bows and donned with heart-shaped tags. What a heartfelt way to show love on a day filled with hearts.

The strawberries sold and the proceeds went to a scholarship set up in memory of Hannah Loftus. You may remember Hannah as the petite student assistant that worked behind the counter in Student Services. She worked with students at Mat-Su College for 2 ½ years helping them navigate the often confusing world of admissions and registration. While working here, Hannah was a student in UAA's Dietetics program. She would have graduated this May with her Bachelor's degree, beginning her Master's degree in the fall. Unfortunately, in December just before finals week Hannah passed away from complications of Turner Syndrome at the young age of 23. We all struggled with the loss of our friend and needed

a way to honor her life and her passion for education. Therefore, a scholarship was our goal; Hannah would have loved that. Now we had to find a way to raise money for the scholarship.

All university scholarships go through University of Alaska (UA) Foundation. A pri-

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You earned an A!

Enter your work in the 2020 Student Showcase. Student Showcase will be held on the afternoon of Friday, April 24, in JKB 124. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, April 1, at noon.

Information: mrsagal@alaska.edu

GIVE BLOOD

A blood-mobile will be in the front parking lot 11am - 5pm on March 31.

Give save life blood

Upcoming events:

March 20: NCBI Social Inclusion & Equity Workshop. 1-5 PM, FSM 206.
March 28: Math Cram Jam. 10:30 AM, Snodgrass Hall.
March 31: Journey Event: Safe Zone Training. 12 PM, FSM 204.
April 2: Resume and Cover Letter Open Writing Lab. 1 PM, FSM 104.
April 3: Resume and Cover Letter Open Writing Lab 9 AM, FSM 104.
April 3: Leadership Honors application due by 5 PM.
April 7: Journey Event: Healthy Relationships and Dating. 12 PM, FSM 104.
April 8: Journey Event: Perspectives on Mental Health Medication. 12 PM, FSM 202.
April 25: Math Cram Jam. 10:30 AM, Snodgrass Hall.

Club meeting times:

AK Native Cultures Club: Every other Monday (beginning March 16th), 10:30-11:30 AM in FSM 201.

All Who Code Club: Tuesdays, 3:15-4:15 PM in ANSEP Portables.

Arroba Spanish Club: 3/26 & 4/14 12:15-12:45 FSM 105

LGBTQIA+ Club: Mondays, 12:00-1:00 PM in Library 214.

Mat-Su Monitor: Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 PM; Wednesdays, 3:15-4:15 PM. OLB 214.

Math Club: Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM in SNOD 124.

Student Government: Wednesdays, 12:00-12:50 in OLB 214.

MEET JASON

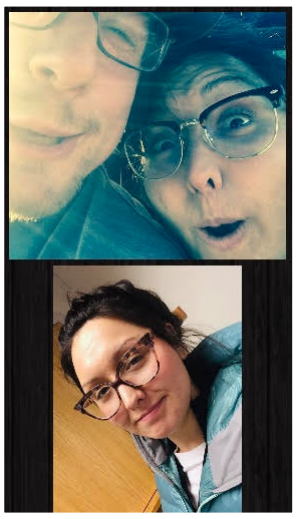
I'm Jason Dunham, and I write and edit for the newspaper you are currently reading. I'm a college student in the University of Alaska school system, and am currently pursuing a bachelors in journalism and public communications. It all sounds quite dry, doesn't it? I really hate writing about myself. I suppose I'll rattle these personality traits off as they come to me.

I'm a pretty straightforward person on the surface; I'm fairly easy going and receptive in my personal life. I daydream a considerable amount, which results in me inadvertently brainstorming occasional creative ideas. I enjoy making light of things if I see someone who isn't feeling content. I'm patient with others, since sometimes it helps to ease people into things, however I have very little tolerance for nonsense or drama. I am a firm believer in analyzing and critically thinking about how to solve problems; often times the answers to our issues are in plain sight, we just need to take a mental step back and consider as many possible courses of action as we can.

As far as interests go, I enjoy all kinds of media, from reading books to watching YouTube slop. I enjoy a wide range of music, though I mostly listen to all kinds of rock or metal, as well as a great deal of industrial rock and electronica. I enjoy a few comedy podcasts, as well. It should come as no surprise since I'm a journalism major, but I enjoy writing. I personally enjoy writing fiction, particularly fantasy and science fantasy.

If you see me around the campus say hey. I'd like to think that I'm reasonably approachable, so don't be shy. If you've got something to talk about, I've got ears to hear it.

MEET ANGELI



Hello, my name is Angeli. I have been a student at Mat-Su for one year now and I love it here! I wanted to introduce myself so you can get to know me a little before you read my articles. I will write some facts about myself as they come to mind, and because I'm not being graded for this I will just wing it. So, bear with me as it will all over the place.

I'm an Alaskan Indian and I'm very proud of that. To be specific, I am Tlingit, Tsimshian, and Athabascan. I am a big fan of the shows South Park and Adventure Time. I've been watching the seasons for many years now so, I guess I can say that those shows are my security blanket. I have two leopard gecko lizards, their names are Sharpy and Ice Cream; they go hard.

Sometimes, when I see an old person I cry because I think about them being old and I hope that they are doing okay and that they are happy. I met my husband at the skatepark when I was 13 years old and we're still kickin' tough to this day. He's my BFF. My other bestest friend is my mom. Oh, I listen to underground rap music.

Since you're still reading, lemme tell you what I don't like. I don't like it when people buy a dog or any animal, then end up neglecting it or being mean to it. When I see that, it makes me think, "You selfish piece of..." I don't like it when people make a mess in a public bathroom. When I see that it makes me think, "You grimy piece of…" I don't like it when people are rude to a complete stranger just because they are having a bad day. When I see that, it makes me think, "Somebody needs a nap."

Well that's all I got. Actually, here's one more fun fact: I'm an okay driver but I'm horrible at parking. I don't do it on purpose. Sorry in advance. If you see me in the halls say hi because I love making new friends!

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MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Play an important role on the Mat-Su College Campus. Being on a committee can help to enhance your career, give you a chance to give back to your community, and give you the opportunity to challenge yourself by helping to shape your society.

Join a Mat-Su College Student Government Council Committee

Or join one of the student clubs.

Clubs are a great place to meet like minded people, have fun, learn new things and relax.

Alaska Native Culture Club	LGBT + Club
All Who Code Club	Arroba Club
Math Club	Mat-Su Monitor

Joining a committee or club looks good on resumes as well as gives you a chance to connect with fellow students, staff and faculty. You owe it to yourself to try them out. If you don't see a club that interests you, can start one of your own. Student Government will fund you up to $300 to cover expenses. You can pick up a form at the Student Government office in JKB 114, near the café.

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

MEETINGS EVERY WEDNESDAY
11:50 - 12:50
OLB 214

FREE COFFEE IS AVAILABLE IN THE ATRIUM FROM 9AM TO NOON EVERY MONDAY. THANKS TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government provided students with pizza and free snack and beverages during Finals Week.

Student Government hosted a Valentines Ball for students at Mat-Su college.

2020 Mat-Su Employer Expo!

On Wednesday, March 11th, the Mat-Su College campus hosted the annual Mat-Su Employer Expo. 115 employers big and small were on hand to share information about their career opportunities. The employers present were hiring for a broad range of jobs. Each employer's booth had friendly representatives answer questions, accept applications, and handing out fun freebies. Estimates for how many job-seekers showed up are not available yet (this issue is going to print even before the event finishes), but the 2018 Mat-Su Employer Expo drew over 860 job-seekers.

Job-seeking students who missed the career fair should contact Student Services to make an appointment with the college's Career Counselor, who can help with identifying career options, looking for available positions, and preparing for an interview, among other things. Community members who missed the event are encouraged to regularly review the campus's website for similar community-oriented events.

JROTC cadets escorted guests around and took on various duties. Pictured, left to right: Cadets Stoneman, Nagel, and Clayton.

The college was offering information on educational programs.

Most SNOD and FSM classrooms were full of employers.

War, sunny Snodgrass bridge was prime real estate.

Psst… Applying for a job?

By Adelina Rodríguez

With college and high school graduation approaching, preparing to enter the workforce may be at the forefront of your mind. Whether you are entering the workforce for the first time, changing career paths or have been temporarily unemployed, the process can be overwhelming, especially with changing technology driving how you submit an application. What has not changed is the expectation employers have of you for your cover letter, resume and interview.

What do employers expect? Simply stated, your BEST version of yourself. If offered a job, you will be representing the employer and profession, so they want to hire the BEST! How does this translate in your application and interview?

Proofread Application

Your application, resume, cover letter, and references should be free of grammatical errors and typos. Reviewing for errors is one way employers filter through the number of applications they receive. *Highly* consider having your application reviewed by a Guidance Counselor or Career Advisor at your local school or Job Center. Mat-Su College-UAA students and alumni have access to this service through the Career Development office located in Student Services.

Verify Contact Information

When considering a candidate for a position, an employer will verify with your professional references for quality of work, qualifications, and professional attributes. However, references often change their contact information. *Always* contact your professional references to first verify that you may use them as a reference and second, that you have their preferred and current contact information.

Dress Professionally

Whether you are interviewing or attending a job fair, you should *always* dress professionally. Even in the last Frontier of Alaska, employers have an expectation that you will dress professionally. The industry or profession does not dictate how you present yourself. Again, you are presenting the BEST version of yourself and secondly, representing the employer. This does not require you to purchase a $400 suite. If you have questions on what you should wear, visit with your Guidance Counselor or Career Advisor.

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A Year of Self-Care: Part 2

By Anonymous

I know what you're thinking. The last article had a particular shock factor but was incredibly eye-opening. "Should I even read the next section?" But yet here you are; maybe you're looking for advice on your own demons, I'm not one to judge.

This article will not be like the last, our introduction was swift and fueled by raw emotion and honesty. I'm sure if you are like me, you respected that. The advice I'm going to give you today is the hardest, but most ignored. Although, to be put simply, you must recognize that you need help. Everyone sometimes does, I know how hard it is to even lift yourself off the couch to also go to the doctor's office. It's not that you can't, it's that you don't have the energy. But I'm telling you as soon as you do and you're talking to someone, it feels like a huge weight has been lifted off your chest.

I'll be honest, you will feel worse before it gets any better. You will lift your mask that is concealing the raw nerves of emotion. Like accessing the direct vein to your entire human entity. After getting the help you deserve, be aware you will have your energy back before you start to feel better. I promise you the end result is worth it.

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Speaking in Typeface - Sentence Structure and Flow

By Jason Dunham

Not everyone who will read this will have the desire to become fluent in the written tongue. For some, the skill to properly translate their thoughts into physical words constantly eludes them, to say the least. Much like learning a second spoken language, developing a proficiency in writing takes time and a significant amount of practice. Whether you seek to write for a living or if you're just looking to get by, learning to properly speak the written language can be very beneficial.

Aside from a few instances, you'll be generally writing something that someone else will read. This is important to think about, since the way you write acts as a gateway for others who will read into the way your thoughts appear to function. With this in mind, if your writing isn't grammatically correct or isn't structured in a way that's easy to follow, it won't make you look terribly impressive or smart. Regardless of whether what you write is written with a pencil or with a keyboard, there are resources for you to take advantage of to evaluate your grammar. Having proper grammar isn't something that most people reading your work will specifically identify, however having poor grammar is something that will stand out like a sore thumb. Additionally, the way you arrange your thoughts in your writing is monumentally important. The mind of the reader will catch things that seem incorrect or irregular when read. Remember to think of writing as a second language. You wouldn't speak in a way that's hard to follow, nor should you write that way, either.

Sentence structuring is one of those skills that can be difficult to learn for many people. The process of taking the information in your head and putting it into words can often lead to jumbling up the pieces as they are written, which results in the end product representing how it came out of your head. That is, you are thinking about what to write as you are writing it. Particularly for people who aren't as adept in writing as others, using this kind of technique to write is one of the main reasons that their writing comes out sounding like it was poorly transcribed. The best way to tackle this issue can be broken up into two principles: critical-thinking and flow.

Let's first consider critical-thinking. Instead of writing off the cuff, take a step back and start by evaluating the information that you're working with. Consider these questions: What is the subject that I'm writing about, exactly? What is the purpose of writing this? What are the key points of the subject? Organize your thoughts into a list. This can be done in the format of an outline. Having your thoughts and important informational points written down is very valuable as you write your work, since it will help you remember everything you were going to write about, and assist in keeping your key points in the right order.

Let's use an example for this; you're writing an article about why a new restaurant in your town is worth visiting instead of those that the community would normally go to. Now reconsider the questions earlier: What is the subject? The subject of this article is the new restaurant in your town. What is

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Elizabeth J Fallon Learning Center

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WRITING TUTORS

Monday & Wednesday: 8:30 - 5:00
Tuesday: 8:30 - 2:30
Thursday: 1:00 - 2:30

MATH TUTORS

Monday & Tuesday: 8:30 - 5:00
Wednesday: 8:30 - 3:00
Thursday: 09:00 - 3:00
Friday: 10:00 - 2:00

ASL TUTOR

Wednesday: 3:00 - 5:00

Tutors available in JKB 107 to April 29. Tutoring is reserved for students enrolled in Mat-Su College courses.

Online tutoring options

- **tutor.com/Live Home Work Help**: the Alaska State Library provides the Live Homework Help service to all Alaska residents. Free, online tutors are available from 12 PM to 2 AM to help with many subjects. Visit http://lam.alaska.gov/sled/homework
- **Khan Academy**: Khan Academy has free explanatory videos on math, science, economics, history, and more. https://www.khanacademy.org/
- **Purdue OWL:** Purdue's Online Writing lab has sample papers and guides to APA and MLA styles. https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/

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Experience Your Future Job

By Kate Stavick and Adelina Rodríguez

Deciding on a career is always a daunting decision. "Will it make me happy?" "Can I make enough money to survive?" "Is there room to grow professionally?" "What if I change my mind?" Well, maybe that last one happens more when you are neck-deep in mid-terms and pondering all of your life choices.

One crucial component to making these decisions is the ability to come to a college campus, speak with the different departments and instructors, meet students within the programs, and maybe participate in hands-on experiences. Recently, Mat-Su College/UAA gave high school students this opportunity. Mat-Su College hosted their 4th annual Health Programs Forum event on Friday, February 21, 2020. The event draws high school students from around the Mat-Su Valley who are interested in pursuing careers in health or human services fields.

Handing out information on the dental assisting program.

Mat-Su College partners with Mat-Su Borough School District (MSBSD) in identifying and transporting students to campus for the opportunity to learn about Allied Health, Nursing, Human Services and Veterinary Assisting programs offered at Mat-Su College and at UAA, Anchorage.

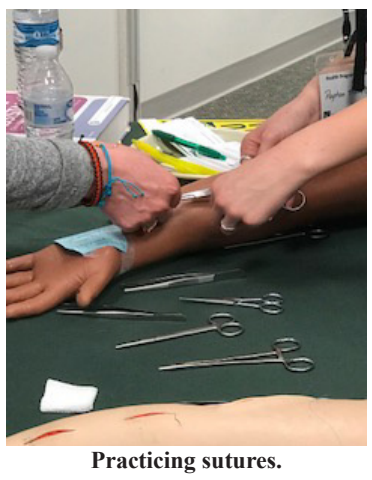
With over 50 participants this year, students heard from a panel of current college students in the Veterinary Assisting, Human Services, Social Work and Nursing programs, while also receiving hands-on experiences, as they rotated through the UAA College of Health programs: Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Surgical Technician, and Physical Therapist Assistant, Nursing and EMT and Paramedic programs. Students also experienced an interactive Biology session with Mat-Su College Assistant Professor Dr. Kathleen Nevis. Students learned that Mat-Su College offers general education course requirements that can lead to a degree in their chosen health or human services career field.

Students had the chance to explore the Dental Assisting program by experimenting with sets of dental models, learning to remove teeth while learning more about teeth and making attempts to put the teeth back in. No easy feat. Over at the nursing stations, current nursing students demonstrated how to bandage and take blood pressure while talking to the students about the opportunities and training they are receiving. The Physical Therapy Assisting (PTA) program presented students with the challenge of keeping balance in one of many, many exercises PTAs teach to patients in their profession. Perhaps one of the most popular table was the Medical Assisting table, in which students learned how to suture up wounds and practiced on different wounds. As someone who had previously worked in the medical field, this is a vital skill that cannot be practiced too much, and to see high school students performing with ease was exciting.

> One crucial component to making these decisions is the ability to come to a college campus

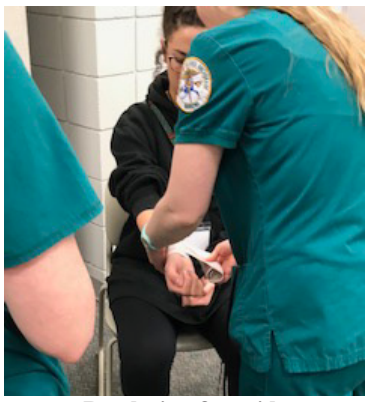
Over in the EMT and Paramedic lab, students met with the always energized Dane Wallace to learn more about both programs which are offered at Mat-Su College. Participants met with current Paramedic students who led them through rounds of compression-only Cardiovascular Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), as well as practice with the Automated External Defibrillators, learning what song rhythm to keep in mind if ever needing to perform CPR themselves (the students may still be humming "Stayin' Alive" or the more ironic "Another One Bites the Dust"). Students also had the opportunity to get their hands dirty by practicing lifesaving techniques in the Paramedic Lab. Participants attempted to staunch bleeding, apply dressing and other measures designed to save lives that EMTs and Paramedics routinely face when they are dispatched.

In addition to the educational opportunities within our campus and UAA, participants learned about the scholarship available to them through Mat-Su Health Foundation, who awards scholarships for vocational training or a degree program leading to a career in healthcare and human services. Mat-Su Health Foundation Program Officer of Workforce Development focus area, Vandana Ingle, indicated that 23 of the top 25 careers in Alaska are in healthcare; in addition, there are jobs in the Mat-Su Valley that only require a certificate or Associate Degree. Prospective scholarship students are encouraged to study, earn a certificate or degree, and later work here in the Mat-Su Valley.



Practicing sutures.

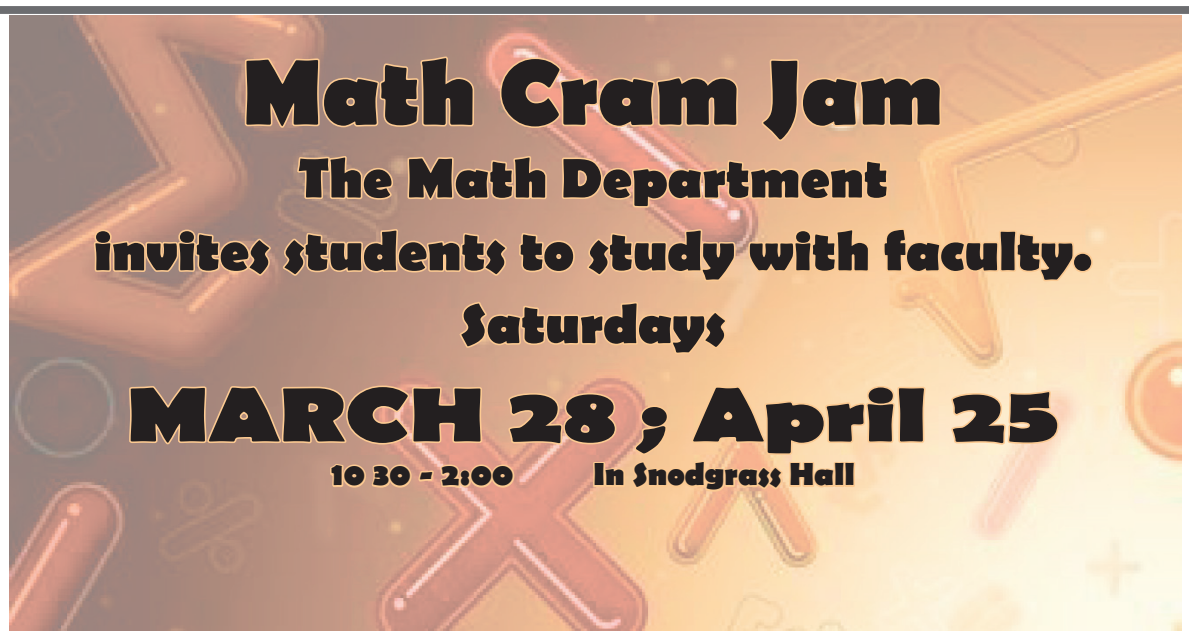
In 2019 Mat-Su Health Foundation, awarded 268 academic scholarships totaling $1,500,000 and 72 vocational scholarships totaling $260,000. To learn more about the scholarship opportunities through Mat-Su Health Foundation can visit their website at healthymatsu.org.



Rendering first aid.

Students walked away with newfound knowledge of the vast career options in the healthcare field and educational opportunities at Mat-Su College and UAA. It gave students a way to prepare for the future and experience what could possibly be their future job.

High school students interested in attending future events are encouraged to work with their high school counselor to identify future dates for additional events, or contact Mat-Su College directly 907.745.9746 to learn more about the exciting healthcare education programs.



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When?
All semester.
Check matsu.alaska.edu/journey for details
Why?
College is tough! Journey activities help you maintain health, focus, and well-being.
What's in it for me?
Meet new people, earn extra credit, and win prizes. Have fun with Journey!
Check the Journey website weekly for full activity descriptions, updates, and new events. All Journey events are free. You'll want to sign upon the website for events requiring advance registration.
http://matsu.alaska.edu/journey/
Mat-Su College Journey activities and behavioral health care services for students are supported by a Healthy Impact Grant from the Mat-Su Health Foundation.

Students, you can earn a Journey stamp by doing any of these things:

- Attending a FAFSA Friday or UAA Scholarship Workshop
- Using the MSC Math or Writing Tutor services
- Joining in on a Math Cram Jam session
- Showing up to a library information session
- Meeting with a career counselor in Student Services
- Meeting with your Mat-Su College advisor

Students participate in the Cram Jam

UPCOMING JOURNEY EVENTS

NCBI -Diversity Training March 20 1-5 FSM 204

Yoga March 19 TBD

Safe Zone Training March 31 12 - 2 FSM 204

Healthy Relationships April 7 12-12 50 FSM 204

Perspectives on Medication April 8 12 - 1 FSM 202

Directors Walk April 9 and 16 TBD

Storytelling April 23 and April 25 12 - 12 50 TBD

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR STUDENT NEWSPAPER!
Join the Mat-Su Monitor
Tuesdays 12:00 to 12:50 PM
Wednesdays 3:15 to 4 PM
Library room 214

Students learn how to make healthy chocolate snacks in this free, on-campus demonstration!

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Arrive Early

Plan to arrive for your interview at least 5-10 minutes early. Anticipate traffic and poor weather conditions, especially in the wintertime in Alaska. If you are unsure of the location, make plans to find it a day or two before the interview.

As practical as these recommendations may sound, participating in interviewing committees, I can attest to candidates who succumb to missing out on an opportunity because they are not aware of meeting these foundational expectations. Preparing for this next milestone can make the difference in attaining employment. Be proactive and attain guidance on how you can present the BEST version of yourself on paper and at an interview.

One-on-one advising is available for feedback on both a resume and cover letter. If you need assistance in preparing for an interview- what to expect or participating in a mock interview, you will be guided through the process. Alumni and current students can take advantage of services offered by the Student Services Career Development Office located at Matanuska-Susitna College, Fred and Sara Machetanz (FSM), Room 101, 8295 E. College Drive. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and Fridays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 907-745-9746.

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the purpose of the article? The point of you writing the article is to either alert those who may have not heard of the new restaurant and explain what it is, or to convince those that have why they should go there instead of somewhere else. Lastly, what are the key points of your article? In this example, the key points could include food selection, the quality of service at the location, and the price of food as compared to similar places.

Now, let's take a look at the term flow. Flow is essentially sentence structure, but it also refers to adjusting how you phrase certain things to make your thoughts run together more smoothly. Let's use an example to better illustrate what this means. Let's say we have three pieces of information to include in the article: You tried the ice cream at the restaurant, you liked it, and that you found out that it's vegan-friendly. Here's one way that this can be written: "I tried the ice cream, and greatly enjoyed it. It is also vegan-friendly." This is acceptable, however here's a better way this can be written: "I tried the vanilla-chocolate swirl ice cream dessert after my meal, and was quite satisfied with it. What's most interesting about this dish is that it is vegan-friendly, which speaks volumes about the quality of the ingredients."

The main thing to take away here is that you should be specific and avoid being too generic during your writing. Describe as much as possible to paint a clearer picture in the minds of your readers. Avoid using the same words too close to each other in your work. Instead of saying, "I first ordered the pasta dinner. The pasta was very good," try adding variance by saying something like, "I first ordered the pasta dinner. The dish was very good." If you're going to be referring to the same thing many times in succession, rotating what you use to identify it will keep the reader engaged and avoid it sounding too robotic.

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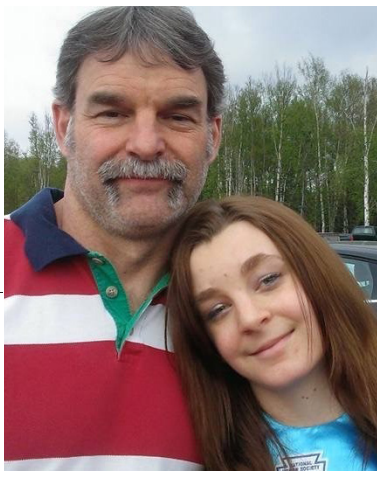
Remembering Hannah

By Angeli Kristovich

On February 12th Student Services made chocolate covered strawberries to be sold on the 13th and 14th as Valentine's Day gifts in memory of Hannah Loftus. The proceeds from the treats went to the scholarship that is in Hannah's name.



Hannah and her dad.

Hannah was a student worker in the Student Services (SS) office. She passed away from complications of Turner Syndrome on December 5, surrounded by family and her fiancé. She was so kind and sweet. I had the honor of working with her when I got a job in Student Services. We worked all summer together and became very close. During the summertime, the college is not as busy as it is in the fall so it was a perfect time for her to be able to show me the ropes before the hustle and bustle of the fall arrived.

We spent five days a week and eight hours a day together side by side at our desk for the whole summer. We talked about everything. I learned a lot about her, why she was going to school, what high school was like, and how much it sucked. And equally, she learned a lot about me. We had enough in common to where we even talked outside of work. I gave her rides home from work and we often had lunch together, if our schedule permitted it. I miss her a lot.

Hannah was born with Turner Syndrome. We talked a lot about that. Before I met Hannah I had never heard about it before but when I learned what it was, my heart hurt for her. She explained to me that people with Turner Syndrome are usually born with a few distinctive features that made high school really difficult, as kids can be cruel. I couldn't tell that anything was different about her when I first met her but when she explained it then I used my imagination to get a glimpse of what it was like for her at times while she was growing up.

The cool thing is that although she was dealing with a lot of the issues that come with the syndrome she did not cower from it. She stood tall and explained it with poise because she understood it. Having dealt with it her whole life she became well versed in the what's and why's of the syndrome and it became her goal to spread awareness. She loved helping and teaching people. I loved that about her. She taught me all about TS and how it affected her. It opened my eyes to be more aware that there are people who are fighting an unseen battle.

Hannah told me that people who are born with Turner Syndrome (TS) a lot of the time do not live past their teen years. So basically, she was a miracle baby. Having met her, I know that I was face to face with a miracle. She was going to college for Dietetics because people with TS need to be on a healthy diet. They often suffer from heart problems so it is best to eat as healthy as possible.

What's amazing to me is that she obtained her bachelor's degree at the age of 23. That is hardcore. That just shows us the determination and will power that she had. It also shows us that she wanted to learn as much as she can and get the most out of life. I don't know about you guys but at 23 I was doing other things. I should have been in school but I wasn't.

The Student Services office isn't the same without her there. I miss seeing her face and talking with her. I miss texting with her and listening to what's new with her. I feel so lucky that I knew her. I remember one time when I was waiting outside of the college with her for her dad to come pick her up. When he showed up I insisted that I meet him. She was happy about that and also seemed curious as to why. When her dad showed up I walked up to the car with her and she said, "Dad, this is my friend Angeli. She wanted to meet you." He looked surprised and confused, but I didn't mind. I gave him a hug and said, "You did a great job with Hannah. She is a good friend." He smiled and hugged me back. I know one thing, she will be thought of, prayed for and missed forever.

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by Claudia Jones

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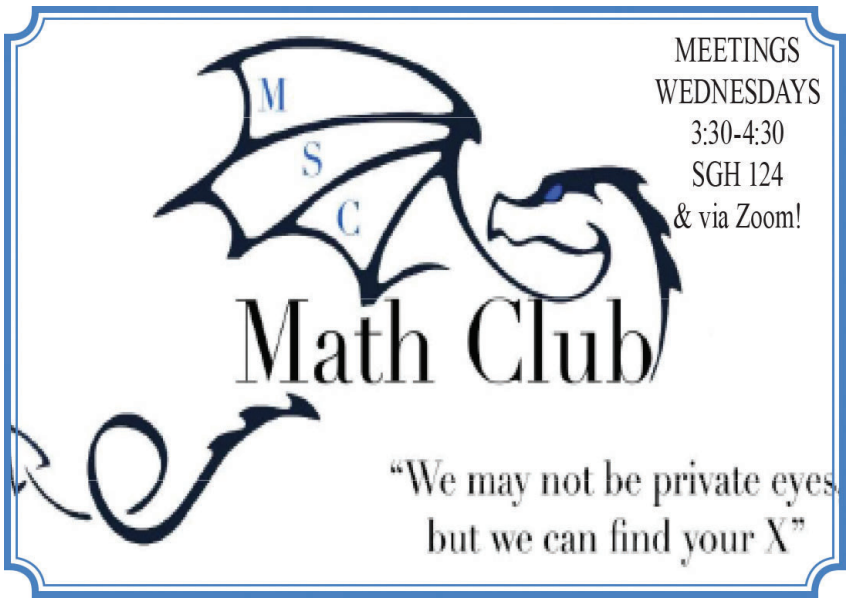

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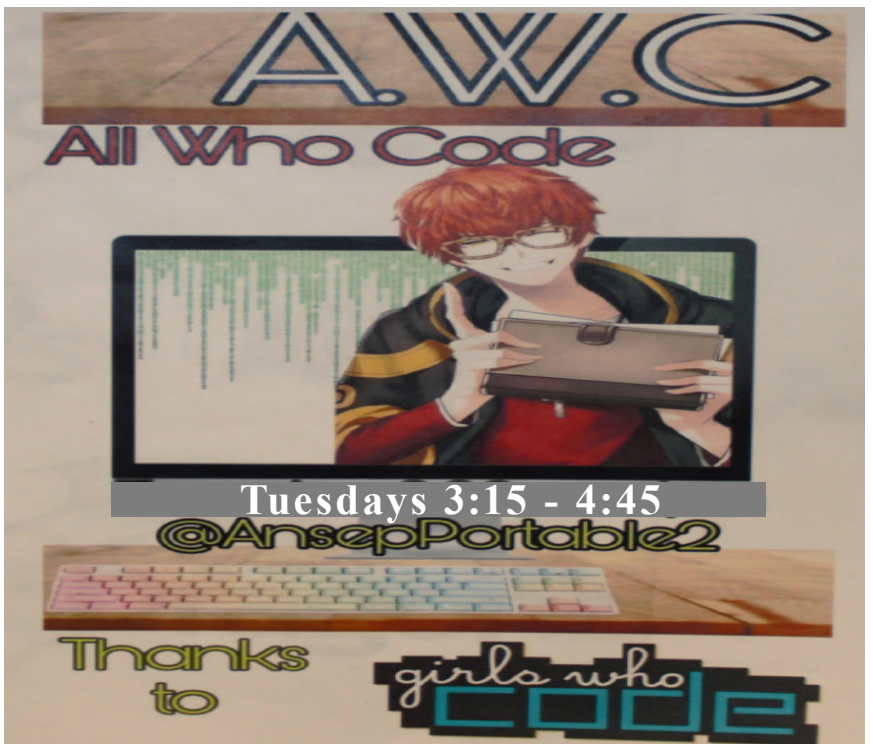

LGBT+ Club

Mondays 12 - 1 in Library 214

Music: Mu-sick or Muse-ic

By Ricque Antolin

When I make playlists, I don't organize them by music genre. The music put into every playlist I make is based on my mood, which can range from "Dance Party" to "Songs I'll Listen To While I Wash My Dog." If you ask me to separate my music by genre, it's like asking to pick my favorite child every time I plug in my earbuds.

Think about it this way; I have three kids: Classic Rock, Rap, and Pop. The eldest child is Classic Rock. She is a happy medium between her youngest sister Pop and their cousin Heavy Metal. Classic Rock is also a unique sound that was in her prime during the '60s to '80s. Rap, the middle child, began a revolution of music in the '70s. With the right beats and melodies, Rap's rapid and rhythmic speech makes a majority of today's music. Last but not least is Pop. Pop may be the youngest, but she is old spirited. Pop is always changing, keeping up with the latest trends. In the '60s, Classic Rock could've been considered Pop. In its time, Rap could be regarded as pop. I guess Pop just really looks up to her older siblings. In conclusion, I can't choose a favorite because they each have individual traits that make them unique.

I have genres found more in my playlists than others but for the sake of fairness, and the point I'm trying to make, those will remain unmentioned. Here are some song recommendations that might suit your mood:

Happy or Hype?

Chicken Noodle Soup by j-hope and Becky G
This Will Be (An Everlasting Love) by Natalie Cole
Dancin (feat. Luvli) - Krono Remix by Aaron Smith
You'll Accomp'ny Me by Bob Seger
Shine by PENTAGON
DOLLAR by Becky G

Songs to move on?

To Each His Own by Talos
Sad Forever by Lauv
Young Forever by BTS
Dust in the Wind by Kansas
Other People by Amber Liu
Think by Aretha Franklin

Random Recommendations:

Best of Me by John K
BULLET TO THE HEART by Jackson Wang
Babe by Styx
SLOW DANCING IN THE DARK by joji
Stuck In The Middle With You by Stealers Wheel
We don't talk together by HEIZE and Giriboy

Everyone is different and has their own opinion on music. These songs might not be for every person reading this, hopefully some of you find a new favorite artist or song through this article. Maybe it'll compel you to explore a new genre you've never listened to before or return to the one you haven't heard in a long time. Ask yourself: What influences your taste in music? What makes you listen to a song? What makes you not listen to a song? Sometimes all it takes is listening to that first note, but it's up to you to interpret if that song means something to you. Will you let the song make you sick, or will you let it be your muse.

Donut Kill My Vibe: An A-dough-rable adventure to Donut County

All I wanted was a donut but instead I got this lousy hole.

By A.J. Crowley

Playing Donut County is like cleaning your room when you were a child. Just put everything in the big, dark spaces you find, and then shut the door and hope for the best. In the case of this game however, you're dropping it all into a hole leading to the center of the Earth and upsetting a whole town in the process. The premise is simple: Be the hole in the ground. Donut County is a story-based physics puzzle game solely developed by Ben Esposito. Esposito delivers tragedy blended with light-hearted, trash panda-loving wits. Donut County lets you play as BK, a raccoon who runs the local donut shop, as he controls an ever-growing hole in the ground. Meet cute characters, steal their trash, and throw them in a hole.

The game opens 999 feet below the Earth's surface, a campfire crackles around the displaced residents of Donut County and the debris of their former lives. Ever since the raccoons came to town and took over the donut shop, holes have been appearing everywhere. One raccoon named BK seems to be at fault. He claims that he was just doing his job "delivering donuts", but no one is convinced. Despite destroying entire homes and businesses, the chaos is clean. The more successful you are at destruction, the quieter everything becomes. First, you begin as a small hole. A crumpled piece of paper disappears, a few blades of grass, maybe a brick. A few seconds later, a folding chair and then a handful of snakes. Two more minutes pass, and you've thoroughly ruined someone's retirement home. Good job. As the residents take turns telling their stories around the campfire, each stage related to the character in question becomes increasingly more complex.

While the main goal is to devour everything, Esposito plays with physics and the environment to create small puzzles. The challenges are easy enough to figure out, but clever enough to feel novel. If you swallow an ear of corn, for example, and a hot coal right after that, a geyser of popcorn bursts from the ground — now you finally have a way to attract and devour those pesky birds.

There's something lovingly relatable watching the characters interact with one another; sometimes you can view their text messages at the beginning of a level. Next to the "reply" button, which you hit to progress through the conversation, is a duck emoji. I spammed it to see what would happen ... Depending on who you're talking to, they may spam you right back.

The world is your playground in Donut County, and yet it's the most wholesome way to see everything come crashing down. Despite some serious setbacks, the characters remain optimistic and retain a healthy sense of resolve. Listening to each of them tell their stories feels like hanging with a big group of friends. If a hole destroyed my town today, I think I'd be okay with it. It's not the hole's fault.

It's the raccoons.

Music in retrospect: experimenting with sound

By Jason Dunham

(Artwork by Rob Seridan for How to Destroy Angels' An Omen EP, 2012)

The cultural impact of music has shaped the world throughout history, and it continues to do so today. In the U.S. alone, themes of music culture can be identified in greater movements like punk, gothic, and ska, to name a few. In this story, we'll be taking a look at specific genres of music and how they have influenced musical culture, as well as discussing a specific group within the genre that you may not have heard of.

The experimental genre is one that seems too broad to be truly considered a specific genre. After all, experimental music, by definition, is any kind of music that pushes the existing boundaries of a genre of music and what defines it. One such example is industrial music. Industrial music began as an offshoot of experimental music in the 1970's, which included many forms of electronic music. Since its conception, industrial music has gained considerable popularity worldwide, especially in North America, Europe, and Japan. The genre that it is today casts a much wider net of influences, including many subgenres of industrial such as dark ambient, industrial rock, industrial hip-hop, and Japanoise, which are typically referred to as post-industrial, signifying that they were developed after the initial conception of the industrial genre. Many of these subgenres, such as neofolk, convey dark themes like heathenry, occultism, and paranoia.

A great number of these different flavors of industrial music mostly follow a common trend: dark and brooding overtones, themes of nihilism or paganism, and many are still heavily influenced by their electronic roots. These types of groups produce sounds that illustrate haunting and anxiety-driven digital tones meant to instill fear, peak a dangerous curiosity in the unknown, or both. One group that captures this chilling, forbidden interest is called How to Destroy Angels.

It would be irresponsible to talk about How to Destroy Angels without first mentioning the supergroup's parent band's origins. The formation of the group was orchestrated by Nine Inch Nails frontman Trent Reznor and his wife Mariqeen Maandig, as well as collaborations with Atticus Ross and the group's graphic artist, Rob Sheridan.

To truly understand the themes and style of How to Destroy Angels, let's first take a look at Nine Inch Nails (commonly shorthanded as NIN), Trent Reznor's band. NIN is an industrial rock group that released their first album, Pretty Hate Machine, in 1989. Early themes for NIN included aggressive, bludgeoning chords, heavy electronic beats, and lyrical themes of suffering, lust, and BDSM. This theme shifted considerably with the release of their fourth album in 2005, With Teeth, which explored thoughts of an illusionary safety in our lives and questioning how truly free we are. Despite the change in subject matter, NIN's signature heavy-hitting sounds were not entirely lost.

While keeping this in mind, when Reznor and Ross worked on creating How to Destroy Angels, Reznor in particular was looking to make something that sounded unique to his previous work. In a documentary video produced by Coachella, which can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_N1ikxi41Zo, Reznor states that they were "exploring a subtly and restraint . . . it wasn't a violent Nine Inch Nails ear-ringing assault. It was more about not doing that, and leaving space and leaving silence." These style choices can be heard clearly when listening to each track on their first and only thus far released full-length studio album, Welcome Oblivion. The style of sounds that can be found within include both heavy and restricted electronic beats, head-vibrating bass lines, subtle ambience, and hair-raising rhythms. As Reznor explained, they let the music breathe and allowed it to create an atmosphere of its own. This is supplemented by Maandig's siren-like singing, adding eerie and haunting vocals that at times blur the lines of foreground and background sounds.

How to Destroy Angels is an excellent example of what can come out of the experimental genre. Anyone who enjoys dark and atmospheric sounds, heavy technological beats, or fans of Nine Inch Nails in general should certainly check out How to Destroy Angels.

Trade war May cost us Everything

By Scoops Wilson

If the past 4 years has taught us anything, it's that former WWE wrestler, failed businessman, b rated reality tv star, and current President Trump will do anything to seem like he is winning or to get ahead. This may be because of the years of chemically spray tanning to achieve the off-putting yellow hue he projects has left his skin dangerously thin, or maybe it just because he's an amoral trust fund kid not grounded in reality. Either way he has gone too far this time. Sources close to me have suggested that Trump in fact released the Corona Virus to strengthen his position in his trade war with China. Furthermore, he expected to combat the biological weapon with current Flu Vaccines. This may sound a little far-fetched, remember the first sentence of this article is true.

While I can neither confirm nor deny these allegations against the Commander in Queef, I think it's important to look at the facts, unlike the current regime. This past holiday season was a tense one for Trump, with the impeachment looming and the slow economic growth starting to threaten his re-election campaign, and if you follow his twitter, his fragile self-esteem. As can be witnessed, this is when Trump is the most likely to act like a giant toddler, look at what happened when Trumpy got laughed at by competent world leaders at a NATO conference and flew home pouting the next day. Secondly, Trump loves dictators like Putin, Kim Jong, and Modi. He has described Kim Jong Un as a "beautiful friend," and despite "both being tough," they have "fallen in love." That's a little weird right? North Korean dictator Kim Jon Un has been accused multiple times by the union for manufacturing biological and chemical weapons and using them against their own people.

Now I am not saying that it's true, but there are a lot of strange things that happened between December 6th and January 15th. As previously mentioned, an open mic caught the Canadian prime minister and his cool kid European leaders make fun of the president. This was not taken well by the wise and orange leader, one aid said, "He just kept mumbling something about not needing friends, and shaking his fist at a map of Canada." This, along with slower than expected growth in retail, and the impeachment looming, Trump's mental state was deteriorating, which can be seen by "The Great Twitter Storm of '19" averaging at least 33 tweets of disjointed, misspelled attacks on Nancy Pelosi, impossible burgers, teenage activist Greta Thunberg (he was jealous he didn't get man of the year and literally tweeted a photoshop of his head onto the teenage girls body) to name a few. Then came the mysterious, and ominous Christmas present message from North Korea, to which Trump responded with a personal letter, as the two are pen pals. Fast forward to New Year's Eve, the World Health Organization reported the first cases of the now rapidly spreading virus. Two weeks later on January 15th, 2020, China signs a deal to the over 2-year trade war.

Now I know what you're asking, what kind of person would do this? Well they would have little or no conscience and little to no understanding of science. Does our president have one, maybe, but in the last four years he has: bribed and withheld aid to foreign allies, bragged about sexually assaulting woman because he's famous, mocking disabled veterans, paying hush money to an adult industry star to cover up infidelity, been accused of campaign fraud, sexual assault , and defrauding a charity. I am not saying he doesn't have morals, but I am saying if he does, he set his moral bar low, like laying in a hole on a pile of rocks low. His understanding of basic science can be seen as little to none. During a recent sit down with a leading pharmaceutical, Trump asked "if we had enough flu shots to combat the coronavirus," many of the representatives explained that is not how it worked and that the vaccine changed from year to

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So, You Say You're Board?

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(Sid) a call about a two-bedroom apartment in a fourplex. We discussed a time to meet for a look around and my family loved it. One thing that I was concerned about was that it was upstairs. After discussion of this with my mother (who can walk very short distances but is able to walk up and down stairs with my assistance) we agreed to sign the lease. The place was great. As I said, it was a fourplex. The way the building was laid out, we were the only upstairs apartment. The floors were soundproof, and we were very close to stores in the area. There were some nightmarish problems, though.

Sid had a problem with us parking in front of the doors. Nearly every other week there was some communication regarding the parking. "Could you park across the parking lot?", "Could you park closer to the shed?", "Could you park further away from the shed?" it continued. During this whole thing, I had been studying the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as the Fair Housing Act. According to the Fair Housing Act, multifamily dwellings are supposed to have the most accessible route for disabled persons to their dwelling. So, in front of the doors. After multiple months of me not letting up, he said that he would make a sign for me and my mother, and finally left me alone. He never made the sign.

He was selling the place, so he needed to have people come in very often. Out of the over 10 times he needed someone to come, he gave 24 hours' notice once. Three of these were in a group text with everyone else in the fourplex. There was one time when he had someone not show up, and then the next week gave me four hours' notice for them to come over. There was one time where the person just came in the unlocked door! Other than a witness, I have no proof of this, however. And the kicker, the first time, he had asked me to not be present in the apartment. After I flat out told him no, he didn't bring it up again, so I don't know if it was an attempt to flex his power or whatever, that's just extra fodder for me in the lawsuit.

We had contacted a low-cost attorney specifically for disabled people. And boy, did we feel vindicated. Hearing her sound audibly upset with what we were saying almost felt like we were out of the Twilight Zone. The lawyer (Jane) had requested we send her the lease and pictures, as well as Sid's contact info. And about a week later, he had not responded to any of the phone calls or letters. Apparently, that's a very big no-no, and is the equivalent of willful negligence. She's ready to go to court over this whole entire thing.

That's why when he had emailed me telling me he was terminating the lease, I was shocked but not surprised. I knew the entire situation was going to come to a head, but I expected it to show up at least until the lease ended. He emailed me on February 3rd, 2020 while I was in class, "Notice of termination of your lease at [address]". I read through the letter that Sid had emailed to me and concluded that this man possibly had brain rot. In his email, he mentioned an attachment from his "lawyer" (which was literally just his letter rewritten with a specific citation from the lease he and I had) and request to move out by the **15th of February.** To give him credit, it said in the email that we had until March 3rd, but he would "pay for our moving expenses" if we moved by the 15th. Did I actually think he would agree to move the stuff out of the storage unit? No, but in this situation, it really couldn't hurt to ask. As of me writing this, we are still paying $75 a month for a storage unit in Willow when we live in Meadow Lakes.

The next thing on the agenda was to get the cars over. But of course, Sid had backed out on his obligations to tow the cars. We had heard from our current realtor (Kate) who was also helping us find a place that "we would be allowed to use the rent that would have been paid to him for the month of February to pay for the cars." We do not owe him rent for the month of February as he broke the lease.

But Rowan, I hear you ask, he can't just kick you out for no reason. You never mentioned why he was asking you to leave! It had to have been included on the lease. In the final thing that almost cements it as retaliation are conversations I had with Kate. One thing I did not mention was that Sid was selling the property for the entirety of us living there. He stated to us, after one of the less than 24-hour notices that he gave us, that although he is selling the place, he was not going to ask us to move. However, after I received the letter, I noticed that there was no reason for us being asked to leave. I asked Kate if she knew, she said "the new owners would like to move in." Remember now, we live in a 2-bedroom apartment, when there is a very nice 3-bedroom apartment downstairs! This just raised my suspicion. For those of you who read the landlord tenant act, you know that in this situation it would not be retaliation! The issue arises with whether this was in good faith. Purposely hiding from me the actual reason as to why we were being asked to leave shows that he's not in good faith. Me having found out after the fact from a third party is not in good faith. You not owning up to your side of the agreement is not good faith. You trying to confuse me by putting misleading information in your "letter from your attorney" is not in good faith. This was retaliation, plain and simple. On the 13th, we had a conversation with Kate and asked her when a good time would be to go over and possibly collect the cars. She had said "contact Sid", "I don't know who the new owners are." So, either Sid is one of the absolute best realtors in the entire world and can turn over a house in less than 48 hours after his old owners fell through, or he has been lying to me this entire time.

Not for anything in particular, but I really wish I had the luxury of being able to say that everything about my mother's disabilities was incorrect. It seriously annoys me that because she is not completely paralyzed from the neck down, that people don't see her as handicapped. It might have something to do that we moved into an upstairs apartment, but she was had the final say in moving in. She was able to handle the stairs because she doesn't go out that much anyway. So, my sincerest apologies if my mother not being able to ever leave the house without my assistance is a hindrance to those around me. But another thing that I have seen up in this state is that people think it's extremely easy to get disability up here. Getting disability in SSI is like pulling teeth because of all the difficulties and technicalities that will arise from it, not to mention that this isn't easy money, we can't just spend it on useless junk and nonsense. So, for every time that I talked to Sid about this and him blatantly disregarding what I said, it just slowly made me more frustrated.

And the best part about this all? I record every single one of my phone calls and I never delete any of my texts. Every single interaction that I have stated if it was not verbal, face-to-face is recorded. This entire thing may be settled, this may be going to court. And Kate helped us move into a place before the 15th. And the funniest thing is that I am pretty sure that no one will believe me. And I don't blame you if you, the reader, cannot believe any word that I have written. But please, if anything, take this away from what you've read. Growing up in the lower 48 has given me a foundation of confronting people when I am being taken advantage of. In Alaska, I tend to see a lot less of us. That is not inherently a bad thing, a confrontation can turn situations worse if it's used improperly. But if you or someone you know is going through a similar situation to mine, remind them to stand up for themselves. When someone in the position of power over you is abusing that relationship, let them know that you will not be stepped on. And if you can't fight back in that and are forced to deal with this type of oppression in silence, please know that you are not alone, and this is not the end. The light at the end of the tunnel may not be there yet but keep walking and you'll find it.

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vate, nonprofit corporation manages and invests donations. Before scholarships can be awarded to students through the UA Foundation, several steps need to be completed and strict guidelines followed. For Hannah, we were ready for the task.

When Hannah's friends and family heard about the scholarship, donations began to flood in. We met our original goal of $500 and moved on to the next goal of $1500. Next, the fund hit $2500! All of this was from personal monetary gifts, no fund raising had been done yet. Once the $2500 goal was reached, donations slowed down a bit. We decided that we needed to kick it up with a sweet fund raiser. The idea of chocolate covered strawberries sounded yummy and fun. It was also appropriate for us to have the fund raiser in February because February is Turner Syndrome Awareness month. As we planned and purchased supplies, friends of Hannah were still donating to the fund. Surprisingly, February 13th arrived and the fund was up to $4300. We were in shock! We were going to help it reach its ultimate goal of $5000.

The Hearts for Hannah fund raiser was fun and a lot of work. So many volunteers jumped in to help. We ended up making $826.27! Hannah's scholarship will be invested and continue to grow. With her scholarship, she will continue to help students even though she is not behind the MSC Student Services front counter.

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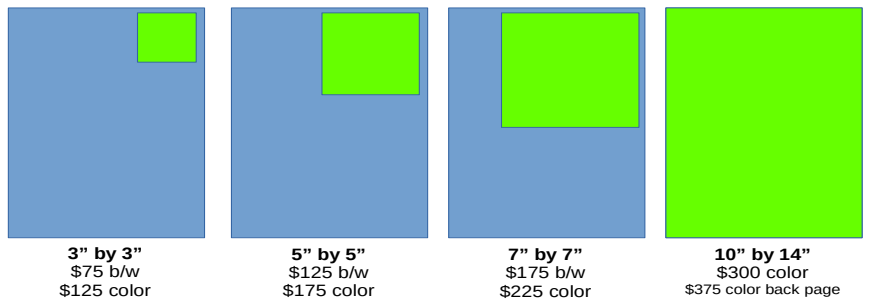
year, one aide reported the POTUS spit out the McDonald's chicken nuggets he was eating and exclaimed "Say what!!!," But this is the same guy that thinks windmills are cancer causing. Even after this was explained to him, he went to Twitter to say, "We need to do a better job with flu vaccines." It seems as if even when the President was told how vaccines work and why they work he still didn't get it. To make matters worse, reports at a press conference Monday said that a vaccine would take a couple of months, even while Michael Ryan, a physician who heads the agency's emergencies program, shook his head no, and later took the mic to explain that maybe it would be at least one year to be ready for testing and maybe 18 months to being deployable. Even after that, Trump once again asked, "so like a couple months?"

Did Trump release this virus to cripple the Chinese manufacturing giant? Maybe, or it was a desperate bid for re-election, because all of his eggs have been put in the economy basket. Maybe it was plot cripple US enemies; Iran has been the hardest hit outside of China. All I can say is that the POTUS has and continues to really bungle this situation. Queue Five Years by David Bowie.



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among the awardees is Mat-Su College's own Angeli Kristovich.

What does this girl *not* do? Fishing, hunting, and hiking? Check, check, and check. But most days, you will find Kristovich roving the halls wearing many different hats, whether as the President of the Mat-Su College Student Government, working as an integral part of the Alaska Natives Culture Club to promote events that support the variety of cultures that make up the Mat Su Valley, or as a writer for our very own *Monitor*. She even dons the student hat as she pursues a degree in BBA management, concentrating on real estate and property management.

Kristovich, like all of the other recipients, has spent her UAA career not only focused on her studies, but also looking for opportunities to engage with the campus community, either through clubs and organizations, or volunteering. When she is not working, she can be found spending time with her family and friends. Maybe even hiking the Butte and turning it into a memorable sledding adventure.

When she completes her degree, Kristovich hopes to work with one of the key regional Alaska Native corporations or Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. "Ultimately, I want to help low-income families get into their dream home with monthly payments they can afford," she said of her ultimate goal when she finishes her degree.

When asked what her thoughts are on diversity, she will tell you that practicing love and understanding is the key to creating a future every one of us will be proud to be a part of. "I heard a quote once and it resonates with me, "when you change the way you look at things, the things you look at will change." So when you look at the world with positive intentions, your life transforms."

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